Production and Consumption of Newsprint

2097. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 126 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1994 and state :

(a) what is the total production of newsprint in the country as on the 30th June, 1994; and

(b) the total consumption of newsprint as on 30th June, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As per available information, the total production of newsprint in the country during the period 1-4-94 to 30-6-94 was about 93,144 tonnes.

(b) As per the guidelines notified by the Government for issue of Entitlement Certificate for import of newsprint, newspapers are required to submit the returns of purchase/import of newsprint to RNI on half-yearly/annual basis, i.e. as on 30th September and 31st March. Therefore, information regarding consumption of newsprint as on 30-6-94 is not available.

Porn Films shown by Cable Operators

2098. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the soft porn films being shown in the country by the cable operators and Star T.V.; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government for strict censorship of the cheap films and to check their showing on TVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to reports appearing in the press to this effect.

(b) The programmes code specified in rule 6 of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 provides that no programme should be carried in the cable service which inter-alia, contravenes the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952. This code is, however, not applicable to porgrammes of foreign satellite channels which can be received without the use of any specia-

Advertisements of Intoxicants on Doordarshan

2099. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan is indirectly allowing advertisements of liquor and cigarettes on its National Network and the Metro Channel in a manner not to attract the code of commercial advertisements of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether it is a change in the Doordarshan policy relating to the advertisements; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the change and premitting advertisemests of intoxicants on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Launching of Short-Wave Radio Station in South East Asia by U.S.

2100. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of U.S. plans to launch a powerful short-wave radio station in South East Asia to "aid and advice" all shades of dissident activities in this region as reported in "The Pioneer", dated 22nd October, 1994;

(b) whether this amounts to gross interference in the internal affairs of these countries; and

(c) if so, what Government propose to do in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Further information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, सूरत का उन्नयन

2101. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को सूरत स्थित आकाशवाणी केन्द्र और दूरदर्शन केन्द्र को संपूर्ण स्टूडियो बनाए जाने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हुआ है·

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है : और